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In re the application of:

George WEINERT

Appln. No.: 09/646,415

Group Art Unit: 1711

Filed: March 29, 2002

Examiner: N. Nutter

For: PROCESS FOR REDUCING PROTEIN ALLERGENS IN LATEX PRODUCTS

LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the confirmation of allowable subject matter via the Notice of Allowance having an issue fee due date of April 12, 2004 (to date, the issue fee has not been paid). This letter concerns the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present patent application on October 29, 2003. A citation (i.e. the Brabec citation) was indicated as not being considered for not having a verifiable date. Applicant provide the following website which indicates a date of 1981:

<http://www.epa.gov/chemfact/butyr-sd.txt>

Applicant submits herewith a US PTO Form-1449 which lists the Brabec citation including the date. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner initial next to the citation thus making the citation of record.

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As the Issue Fee comes due on April 4, 2004, Applicants look forward to receipt of an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form prior to that date.

Respectfully submitted,
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